(a) whether the operations of Delhi Metro on Shahdra-Tis Hazari segment has become stablished;

(b) whether it is a fact that public patronage to Delhi Metro Rail Service is far less than a projected 80,000 passengers a day;

(c) if so, the estimated amount of loss likely to be incurred every month; and

(d) whether this will have serious implications on the contractual commitment on repayment of loans to a Japanese aid agency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Public patronage of this segment is not up to the expected level on week days but is up to the expected level on holidays.

(c) Shahdra-Tis Hazari segment is only a small part of Delhi Metro project and has been in operation for hardly two months. It is too early to estimate losses for Delhi Metro on the basis on the results of this segment.

(d) The project is expected to be fully completed by 2005 and, at the projected level of traffic, it will be able to met its obligations of repayment of the loan taken from the Japanese aid agency.

Delay in Delhi Metro Project

†612. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of Delhi Metro Rail Project is constantly getting delayed;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard together with the details of the delay, so far, in the construction of this project; and

(c) the cost overrun in construction of this project due to this delay?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The detailed Project Report for Delhi Metro Rail Phase-1 had envisaged an implementation period of 10 years for this project. However, three years delay had already occured by the time Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), the implementing agency for this project, started funtioning. The DMRC, therefore, compressed the implementation period to 7 years. Work on the project is lagging behind by about 6 months only with respect to this compressed time schedule.

(c) Nil, because the project will be completed well within the period of 10 years envisaged in the Detailed Project Report.

Potable Water in DDA Colonies

†613. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the authority accountable for providing potable water to the colonies constructed by the DDA and whether potable water is provided over there prior to allotments are made;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Mayur Vihar, Phase III is not provided with potable water although ten years have elapsed since it has been inhabited; and

(c) if so, by when, the authority proposes to provide potable water over there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Delhi Jal Board (DJB) have reported that in respect of colonies constructed by DDA, initially it is the responsibility of DDA to supply potable water till it is taken over by Delhi Jal Board. The DDA makes arrangement for supply of potable water in the initial stages through tubewells in case of non availability from DJB sources. The tubewell water is duly tested and chlorinated before supplying to the residents.

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